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MENORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT:

Train Movement from Kazachinskoye to Achinsk

REFERENCE:

Your Memo 2748-L-2181, dated 9 January 1958

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- indicating trains moving from Kazachinskoye to Achinsk. We do not know of another Kazachinskoye to which the Soviet broadcast might be applicable. There is no evidence other than the broadcast information that you have supplied that there is even a short rail line at the Yenisey River town of Kazachinskoye. We have evidence only of river and highway traffic.
- 2. Other sources do not indicate that there is a railroad now in existence connecting the aforementioned Kazachinskoye with Achinsk. While it would not be unreasonable to realign the Achinek-Abalakovo Railroad, now under construction, to pass through Kazachinskoye, or to build a spur line from Kazachinskoye to connect with the Achinsk-Abalakovo line, we have seen no indication of such plans. The Achinak to Abelskovo line is far from complete, according to the latest information we have on its progress. A broadcast from Krasnoyarsk on October 17, 1957, stated that forty kilometers of embankment had been built from the Achinek side and that track had been installed up to the twenty-third kilometer mark, while ten kilometers of embankment and one thousand meters of track had been built (on the other end) between Abalakovo and Maklakovo. Workers had pledged to build the embarkment up to the forty-second kilometer mark by the end of 1957. In addition, there was also to be a clearing cut in dense forest up to the seventieth kilometer mark, presumably, also by the end of 1957. This construction rate is supported by information from earlier broadcasts. A broadcast of 28 January 1957 reported only 10 kilometers of track laid out of Achinsk station on the new line.
- 3. With regard to a railroad following the Yenisey valley all the way to the Trans-Siberian Railroad, our information indicates that plans for this line were abandoned in favor of the Achinsk to Abalakovo line.

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4. Pursuing the theory that the broadcast does not refer to Kasachinskoye on the Yenisey, it is possible that a new station close to Achinsk on the new line has been named Kasachinskoye or Zeachinskoye or some similar name. The only other explanation we can suggest is that the broadcast does refer to Kazachinskoye on the Yenisey, but that there has been some error in translation or interpretation, as, for example, translation of a future tense as a present tense. Further speculation along these lines would be easier if we had the text of the broadcast, preferably in Russian, if available.

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Map of Planned Rail Line

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